

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SWN.133
Historic Name:	Sherman, Sanders House
Common Name:	
Address:	770 Old Gardners Neck Rd
City/Town:	Swansea
Village/Neighborhood:	Ocean Grove; Gardner's Neck;
Local No:	14;
Year Constructed:	C 1850
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival;
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture;
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood Clapboard; Foundation: Granite;
Demolished	No



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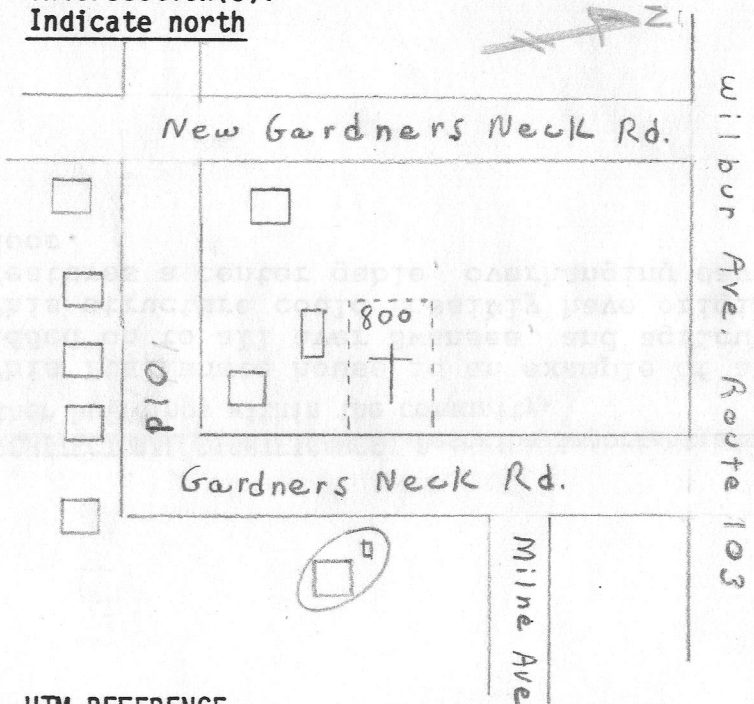
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AREA

FORM NO.

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Town SWANSEA

Address 770 Old Gardner's Neck Road

Historic Name Sanders Sherman

Use: Present Residence

Original Farmstead

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1850

Source Architect's assessment

Style Italianate

Architect _____

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings Barn - c. 1900

Major Alterations (with dates) un-known

Condition Good, basically well pre-served although alteration are un-known.

Moved No Date _____

Acreege Over one acre

Setting Located on Old Gardner's Neck Road near the site of the Bourne Garrison, the house faces south in a rural setting.

Recorded by Kay Flynn/N.Altenbrand
Feb. 1978

Organization Swansea Historical Commission

Date January 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

This Italianate house is an example of a type of farmstead that was built and added on to all over Swansea, an agricultural community in the mid-19th century. This structure could possibly have original fabric from earlier houses. It features a center gable, overhanging eaves and exaggerated lintel over the center door.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

This house may be the third on this particular site where the original Bourne Garrison house stood in 1675. The property was part of the land bought by Samuel Gardner in 1693. His descendants owned it until 1832 when Sanders Sherman (1795-1868) bought one half of the house and land and completed the purchase of the other half in 1841. The Gardners and the Shermans were farmers. The land was always under cultivation until the 1950's when the property, reduced in acreage, was used for residential purposes only. William H. Green of Fall River purchased the property in 1885 and moved to Swansea. He built the barn and was the host at the dedication of the boulder placed on his land to mark the site of the Bourne Garrison . (JUNE 1909)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Fall River, Ma.
 Swansea Assessors' Records
 Map of Bristol County, Ma. by H.E. Walling, New Bedford, Ma. 1851
 (S. Sherman is at this site on map)

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

Form no.

133

2.



1. Town SWANSEA

Address 770 Old Gardner's Neck Road

Name _____

Present use Residence

Present owner Robert A. Heron

3. Description:

Date 1840 - 1850

Source Architect's assessment

Style Farmhouse

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Wood-clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) Barn - c. 1900

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 150 ft.

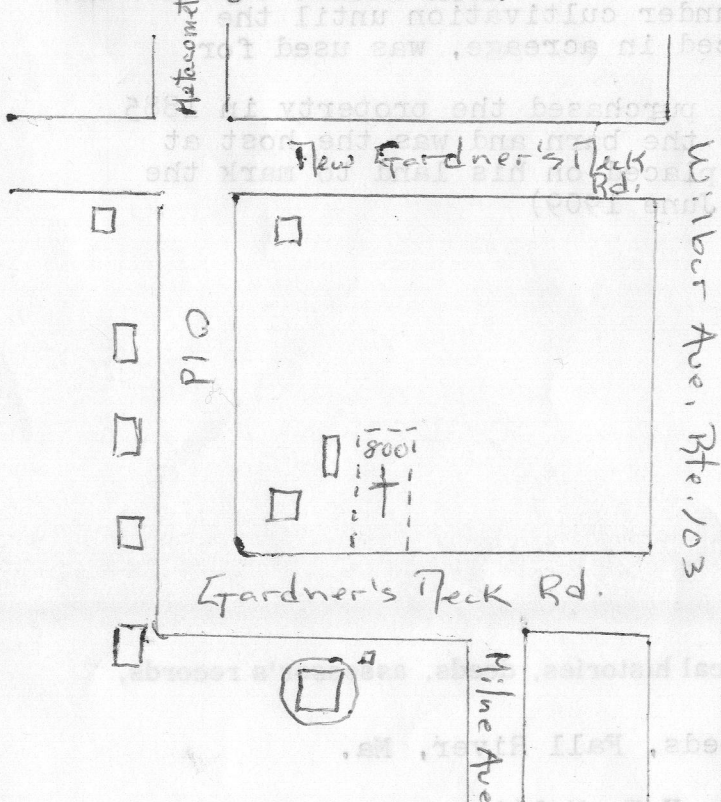
Approximate distance of building from street
30 ft.

6. Recorded by Mrs. Norman Altenbrand

Organization Swansea Historical Society

Date February 10, 1978

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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7. Original owner (if known) Probably Sanders Sherman (1795-1868)

Original use Farmhouse

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Property used as a farm until 1950 when it became residential

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural	<u>X</u>	Education		Religion	
Architectural	<u>✓</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u>X</u>	Science/ invention	
The Arts		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Commerce		Military		Transportation	
Communication		Political			
Community development					

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

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10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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